IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with <u>underlining</u> and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please ADD new claim 27 in accordance with the following:

1.   (CANCELLED)

2.   (CANCELLED)

3.   (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A commodity retrieval method in a commodity sale transaction via a network, the method comprising:

displaying objects of use of commodities on a user's terminal;

preparing a table indicative of correspondence between the objects of use and specifications required to attain the commodities;

acquiring a specification corresponding to at least one object of use selected by a user via the terminal from the table, the user selecting the at least one object of use from the displayed objects of use of the commodities;

retrieving the commodities based on the acquired specification as a retrieval condition; and

displaying, on the terminal, information on a commodity having specifications corresponding to the selected object of use without requiring the user's knowledge of specifications corresponding to the at least one object of use selected by the user.

4.   (ORIGINAL) The commodity retrieval method according to claim 3, wherein the network is Internet.

5-11   (CANCELLED)

12.   (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A computer apparatus acting as a server that provides a commodity sale transaction site on Internet, the computer apparatus executing a

transaction with an Internet terminal by way of Internet, the apparatus comprising:

a database of a commodity for sale;

a communication unit for transmitting information for displaying objects of use of commodities on the Internet terminal; and

a retrieval unit for retrieving the database based on at least one object of use selected by a user operating the Internet terminal, the user selecting the at least one object of use from the displayed objects of use of the commodities; and

where the communication unit transmits information of a commodity having a specification corresponding to the selected object of use to the Internet terminal without requiring the user's knowledge of the specification corresponding to the selected object of use by the user.

13.   (CANCELLED)

14.   (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A computer apparatus acting as a client terminal on Internet and executing a transaction via Internet with a server that provides a commodity sale transaction site on Internet, the computer apparatus comprising:

a communication unit receiving information of items for a plurality of objects of use of commodities from the server;

a display unit displaying objects of use of the commodities; and

an input unit selecting at least one of the displayed objects of use of the commodities, and

where the communication unit transmits to the server the selected object of use, receives from the server information of a commodity having a specification corresponding to the selected object of use without requiring a user's knowledge of the specification corresponding to the selected object of use, and the display unit displays the received information.

15.   (CANCELLED)

16.   (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A computer program product allowing a computer that executes a commodity sale transaction with a user's terminal by way of a network, comprising:

displaying objects of use of commodities for sale on the terminal;

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preparing a table indicative of correspondence between the objects of use and specifications required to attain the commodities;

acquiring a specification corresponding to at least one object of use selected by a user operating the terminal from the table, the user the selecting the at least one object of use from the displayed objects of use of commodities;

retrieving the commodities for sale on the basis of the acquired specification as a retrieval condition; and

transmitting to the terminal data on a commodity having specifications corresponding to the selected object of use without requiring the user's knowledge of the specifications corresponding to the selected object of use by the user.

17-19 (CANCELLED)

20. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A program storage device readable by a computer, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the computer for executing a commodity sale transaction with a user's terminal by way of a network, the method comprising:

displaying objects of use of commodities for sale on the terminal;

preparing a table indicative of correspondence between the objects of use and specifications required to attain the commodities;

acquiring a specification corresponding to at least one object of use selected by a user operating the terminal from the table, the user selecting the at least one object of use from the displayed objects of use of commodities;

retrieving a database of the commodities for sale on the basis of the acquired specification as a retrieval condition ; and

transmitting to the terminal data on a commodity having specifications corresponding to the selected object of use without requiring the user's knowledge of the specifications corresponding to the selected object of use by the user.

21. (CANCELLED)

22. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A program storage device readable by a computer, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the computer for

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executing a commodity sale transaction with a user's terminal by way of a network, the method comprising:

displaying specifications of commodities for sale on the terminal;

preparing a table indicative of correspondence between objects of use of the commodities and specifications required to attain the commodities;

acquiring a specification corresponding to at least one object of use selected by a user operating the terminal from the table, the user selecting the at least one object of use from the displayed objects of use of commodities;

retrieving a database of the commodities for sale on the basis of the acquired specification as a retrieval condition; and

transmitting to the terminal data on a commodity having the retrieved specification without requiring the user's knowledge of the specification corresponding to the selected object of use by the user.

23.   (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A commodity retrieval method for a commodity sale transaction, comprising:

displaying selectable commodities usage information corresponding to commodities via a terminal;

acquiring a specification corresponding to at least one of the selectable commodities usage information selected by a user, the user selecting the at least one usage information from the displayed selectable commodities usage information; and

retrieving the commodities based on the acquired specification as a retrieval condition and displaying data regarding a commodity having specifications corresponding to the selected commodities usage information on the terminal without requiring the user's knowledge of the specification corresponding to the usage information selected by the user.

24.   (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A commodity retrieval method for a commodity sale transaction, comprising:

receiving a selection of at least one selectable commodities usage information corresponding to commodities via a terminal, where each selectable commodities usage information corresponds with a respective specification information; and

retrieving and displaying data regarding a commodity having specifications corresponding to the selection of at least one selectable commodities usage information in

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accordance with a user's selection from selectable commodities usage information displayed via the terminal without requiring the user's knowledge of the specifications corresponding to the selected usage information.

25.   (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A commodity retrieval method for a commodity sales transaction, comprising:

automatically displaying a specification information of the commodity upon an input of a selection of usage information by a user from commodities usage information displayed to the user, where the usage information is stored correspondingly with respective specification information to provide the user with the respective specification information of the commodity without requiring the user to have knowledge of the specification information.

26.   (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A commodity retrieval method for a commodity sales transaction, comprising:

storing attribute information of commodities available for sale and displaying an object of use for each of the commodities for sale based on the stored attribute information; and

enabling a user to make a selection from the displayed object of use and providing information of a corresponding commodity to the user based on the selection of the object of use.

27.   (NEW) A method of selecting a commodity based on a user's need, comprising:

receiving a selection of a user from displayed uses of a plurality of commodities, the user selecting at least one of the uses of the commodities that meets the user's need;

retrieving a list of commodities in response to the selection; and

allowing the user to select a commodity from the list of commodities that meets the user's need and providing information of the commodity including usability of the commodity with other commodities.